GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Prisons Department - Sri P.Varuna Reddy, the then Jailor, District Jail, Anantapur, presently working as Superintendent (Deputy Superintendent, District Jail, Kurnool) - Review petition against the punishment awarded to him - Allowed - Modification Orders - Issued.

HOME (PRISONS & FIRE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 727 Dated: 29-08-2019

Read the following:-

1. Proceedings of the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad No.EB3/587/2008-4, dt. 20.03.2010.
2. Govt.Memo.No.20352/Pri/A1/2011-2, dt. 24.09.2011.
3. G.O.RT.No. 367, Home (Prisons) Dept., dated: 08.02.2013.
4. From Sri P.Varuna Reddy, Dy.Supdt.of Jails, representation dt. 04.02.2019.
5. From the Director General of of Prisons & Correctional Services (FAC), A.P., Vijayawada, Lr.No.Estt-2/66/2019, Dated: 13.02.2019.

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O R D E R:

Whereas Sri P.Varuna Reddy while working at District Jail, Anantapur, exhibited gross negligence, which resulted in murder of Convict Prisoner No. 2123 Sri Julakanti Srinivasa Reddy alias Moddu Srinu, Prisoner in District Jail, Anantapur on 09.11.2008 by another remand co-prisoner by beating with a dumb-bell. The following articles of charge were framed against Sri P.Varuna Reddy, the then Jailor, District Jail, Anantapur, under Rule-20 of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 :

ARTICLE-I

(i) "that Sri P.Varuna Reddy, Jailor (under suspension) while working at District Jail, Anantapur, utterly failed to identify a prohibited article "Dumb Bell" under the possession of Julakanti Srinivasa Reddy and failed to keep effective watch over the movements of prisoners by supervising and motivating the Guarding force, which resulted in gruesome murder of Julakanti Srinivasa Reddy @ Moddu Sreenu. It amounts to total failure in supervision and lack of motivating skills and violation of Rule 159 of A.P.Prison Rules, 1979 and Rule-3 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

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ARTICLE-II

(ii) "that Sri P.Varuna Reddy, Jailor (under suspension) while working at District Jail, Anantapur, failed to implement / supervise the security aspects of the Jail by not transferring the Omprakash from Yamuna Block where SI category prisoner Julakanti Srinivasa Reddy was confined to a different block and not maintained the Barrack wise Attendance Register / Barrack wise list of prisoners which resulted in the murder of Julakanti Srinivasa Reddy @ Moddu Sreenu by another prisoner Omprakash. It amounts to gross negligence dereliction of duty, misconduct and violation of the rules 153, Rule 48 (1) read with Rule 861 (11) of A.P.Prison Rules, 1979 and Rule-3 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

ARTICLE-III

(iii) "that Sri P.Varuna Reddy, Jailor (under suspension) while working at District Jail, Anantapur, has not complied with the instructions of the Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (RR) Kadapa issued on 20.10.2008 viz., continuing to confine remand prisoners with convict prisoners in a single barrack in spite of the instructions to the contrary".

2. After conducting a detailed enquiry under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad vide reference 1st read above awarded the following punishment to Sri. P.Varuna Reddy:

"Postponement of his increment for the period of two years with cumulative effect on future increments and pension and suspension period is treated as not duty."

3. Aggrieved by the said punishment, the individual filed an appeal petition before the Government, which was examined and rejected vide reference 2nd read above.

4. Subsequently, the individual filed review petition and the same was examined and modified the punishment of "postponement of his increment for the period of two years with cumulative effect on future increments and pension" to that of "withholding of his annual grade increment for one year without cumulative effect" vide ref. 3rd read above.

5. In his representation 4th read above, the individual has again represented and requested to consider his case sympathetically on human grounds and set-aside the modified "punishment of withholding of annual grade increment for one year without cumulative effect" as modified in G.O.Rt.No. 367, Home (Prisons) Department, dt. 08.02.2013 and also to treat the suspension period as on duty, as was done in the case of Sri B.Lakshminarasayya, Superintendent (Dy.Supdt.of Jails) in G.O.Rt.No. 763, Home (Prisons) Department, dt. 25.03.2013.

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6. Government after careful examination of the matter, taking into account his representation and the records made available have decided to modify and set aside the penalty of "withholding of his annual grade increment for one year without cumulative effect" as ordered in G.O.Rt.No. 367, Home (Prisons) Department, dt. 08.02.2013.

7. Accordingly, the Government hereby modify the orders and set aside the punishment of "withholding of his annual grade increment for one year without cumulative effect" as ordered in G.O.Rt.No. 367, Home (Prisons) Department, dt. 08.02.2013, duly treating the suspension period from 10.11.2008 to 07.02.2010, as on duty.

8. The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take further action accordingly. The records received vide reference 5th read above, are returned herewith and its receipt may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.R.M. KISHORE KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, A.P., Vijayawada.(w.e.)
The individual
through the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services,
A.P., Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER